



# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### POLSON AREA SURVEYS DAMAGE FROM STORM

By The Associated Press

HELENA - People in Polson and beyond cleaned up tree limbs, fencing and other debris Thursday after a tornado blasted the area. The National Weather Service reported that the tornado touched down northwest of Polson at about 8 p.m.

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### SUMMER IS A BUSY TIME FOR THE RESCUE MISSION

By Kristen Cates, Tribune Staff Writer

Despite what some folks may think, one of the Great Falls Rescue Mission's busiest times of the year is not winter, but summer.

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### OFFICIALS ENCOURAGED BY WATER RIGHTS NEGOTIATION

By Maggie Plummer

PABLO — The Tribes put together a July 11 water rights negotiation session that, for the first time in years, brought Tribal, Federal, and Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (MRWRCC) officials to the table.

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### GRAY WOLF PEAK CASINO PAYS OUT THE BIGGEST WIN IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

EVARO — It was a nice day for a Sunday drive from Missoula for Sharon Stiffarm and by chance, she decided to stop and play at the new Gray Wolf Peak Casino on July 1. As she was playing the Cash Cow machine, she decided to bet the 90-cent maximum and hit the jackpot!

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### FRANCIS STANGER HONORED AS ELDEST MALE DANCER

By Alyssa Kelly

ARLEE — "I didn't start dancing until I quit drinking, when I was around twenty-five. I didn't want to dirty the floor with that stuff. I dance because it makes me feel pride, I enjoy doing it, and the spirituality of it," says Francis Stanger Plassie.

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*The Charkoosta – This little guy spent a lazy and hot afternoon in a serviceberry patch to eat his fill. As the summer wears on, many berries such as huckleberries, serviceberries, gooseberries and more ripen and tribal members aren't the only ones who enjoy them. Take care when you go berry picking; this cub is less than a year old, which means its mother isn't far away. As a friendly reminder, please pack out your trash and be careful with fire while in the woods. (Joanne Bigcrane courtesy photo)*